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## **DETAILED ACTION**

In response to the amendment filled 4/19/2005, all the amendment have been entered and the action follows:

## Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
  - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 2. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).
- 3. Claims 1-15 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Srey et al (SU 6141436) in view of Bongiorno et al (US 6292045). With respect to claim 1, Srey discloses a data converter (see figure 3 a cellular phone), with a data conversion unit (the function of the cellular phone i.e. cell phone letting you

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to make a call or not col. 3, lines 5-20) and a lock system configured to locks the conversion function of the conversion unit in a disable (see col. 3, lines 5-20, the disable function is done) as claimed. However, he fails to disclose a predetermined period of time to prevent data conversion; and the conversion unit configured to encrypt the decrypt data and decrypt the encrypt data and returns it back to the external device, as claimed. Bongiorno teaches that cellular phones contains the microprocessors and that the microprocessors does includes clocks "predetermined period of time" that while in operation does disable the operation once the predetermined time period happens, see col. 1, lines 10-18 and col. 1, lines 30-39, as claimed. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skilled in art at the time of invention can combine the two references as the cellular phone does has the clock that has the feature of able or disable "prevent the data conversion", and having the function of prevent the data conversion is suggested in the Srey disclosure (see col. 3, lines 17-19). And, it is well known in the field of transmission to simply encode and decode "encrypt and decrypt" the data during the transmission of the data this can be seen by the

reference US Patent 5,872,834 figure 6, official notice.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skilled in the art at the time of invention to simply use the well known feature of coding and decoding during the or before transmission of the data between the two terminals.

With respect to claim 2, Srey further discloses, lock release system which release the lock, (see col. 3, lines 29-36) as claimed.

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With respect to claim 3, Srey further discloses, a data input, a recording unit and control unit, (see col. 3, lines 48-56) as claimed.

With respect to claim 4, Srey further discloses, data input unit formed of entry keys, (see col. 3, lines 2-8, cellular phone has key pads) as claimed.

With respect to claims 5 and 6, Srey further discloses, input unit is a plane coordinate input unit; data input unit is an input unit, a plane coordinate input unit, a display, (see col. 4, lines 24-31) as claimed.

With respect to claim 7, Srey further discloses, data input unit is a fingerprint input unit, (see col. 3, lines 48-56) as claimed.

With respect to claims 8 and 9, it is well known to use either capacitive fingerprint sensor "measure static electricity" of the optical sensor "optically acquires" for obtaining the fingerprint. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skilled in art at the time of invention to simply use the well known features of either capacitive or optical sensor to obtain the fingerprints as this is conventionally use.

With respect to claims 10 and 11, Srey further discloses, a recording unit, a control unit and the external device includes an input unit, (see col. 3, lines 48-56, and the external device is the processor connected to figure 7, numerical 203) as claimed.

With respect to claim 12 and 13, Bongiorno teaches the time settings, (see col. 1, lines 33-35, the pre set time) as claimed.

With respect to claims 14 and 15, it is well known to have an icon on the cellular phones to show "display" if the phone is locked "disable" or not lock "enable".

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skilled in art at the time of

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invention to simply use the well-known features of display icon to make the apparatus user friendly.

Claims 18 and 19 are rejected for the same reasons as set forth in rejection of claims 1 and 11, because the claims 18 and 129 are claiming the software for claims 1 and 11. With respect to claim 20 Bongiorno further teaches that cellular phones contains the microprocessors and that the microprocessors does includes clocks "timer unit" that while in operation does disable the operation once the time out happens, (see col. 1, lines 10-18 and col. 1, lines 30-39), as claimed.

## Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vikkram Bali whose telephone number is 571.272.7415. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amelia Au can be reached on 571.272.7414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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